

# LIFESTYLES

Hawaii Marine B Section

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## Your vote: Use it or lose it

The first step in selecting a candidate to represent your voice is registering

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Tune any television set to the warm cathode-ray glow of your favorite news channel, and you won't be able to escape it. Pick up a copy of a paper in town, and it crawls across the headlines and bursts from the margins. Even radio bandwidth these days is clogged with talk show pundits and sound bites. It's unavoidable in the blitz of our media-centric culture. It's time to get registered to vote and find out how to cast your absentee ballot.

An election can be hard to face with our modern media and its tendency to overload us with information and spin. In fact, more Americans avoid the polls altogether each year. Only half of the voting-age population made it to the polls in the last presidential election, according to poll figures from [www.fec.gov/pages/2000turnout/reg&to00.htm](http://www.fec.gov/pages/2000turnout/reg&to00.htm).

"Some people may see voting as a hassle, but it's very important. It's part of what makes America such a great country," said Capt. Mike Habba, com-

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mander of Headquarters and Service Company, Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii, and battalion voting assistance officer.

Most would agree that with our many freedoms and rights, it's easy to forget the importance of voting and undervalue the importance of a single vote. So much money and marketing is involved in electing a president, that an individual can feel irrelevant to the process.



Nevertheless, in a democratic country, no right should be more zealously guarded than the right to select official representatives to carry out the lawmaking and governing of our country, continued Habba.

"We're serving our country, and voting is one right that we've fought for since 1775," Habba explained.

Each unit at MCB Hawaii and its tenant commands has a voting assistance officer who is responsible at the unit level for assisting service members who



wish to vote.

There are a number of ways Marines and Sailors can get registered to vote. They can get a Federal Post Card Application from their voting assistance officer or download the card from [www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefpc.html](http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefpc.html). This form will register service members and eligible family members in the state where their home of record is located. All States and Territories, with the exception of American Samoa, Guam and Ohio accept it.

It's also important to use the form to update your address if you've just moved to Hawaii or haven't re-registered here, said Habba. Absentee ballots are not forwarded by the post office, so Sailors and Marines with an old address on record might not receive their ballots.

Marines, Sailors and their family members will be able to vote whether on base or in the field come election time, if

they take the appropriate steps now.

Despite the pressure of withering media coverage, Habba also stressed the importance of making an informed decision once service members have been registered.

"With the news media, there's always a biased opinion. Depending on which way a particular media outlet slants, they'll try to put out more stories about a particular candidate," he explained. "You have to take everything you see or hear with a grain of salt. I would encourage service members to check out several different media sources."

Your unit's voting assistance officer can answer any additional questions about the voting process.

### Voting Assistance Officers



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| MarForPac | Capt. Perrone  | 477-8365 |
| 3rd MAR   | Capt. Halligan | 257-2017 |
| MAG-24    | 1st Lt. Story  | 257-2558 |
| CSSG-3    | 1st Lt. Wright | 257-1845 |
| 12th MAR  | Lt. Mohler     | 257-8110 |
| 3rd Radio | 1st Lt. Freier | 257-1031 |
| HQBN      | Capt. Habba    | 257-9710 |

## Exercise your right to support candidates

### DoD guidelines prohibit certain political activities

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The Iowa and New Hampshire caucuses officially mark the opening stretch for candidates racing to call the White House home. They mark the time citizens start looking ahead to the presidential election, when 10 months later, Americans and service members will know who their Commander in Chief will be for the next four years.

Election-year politics has always stirred strong passions and convictions in Americans. It also stirs a desire to support a particular candidate, one whose political views most closely match your own.

So just how active can you be in supporting a campaign without compromising military professionalism or breaking Department of Defense regulations?

The answer can be found in DoD Directive 1344.10, and some knowledgeable advice from base Public Affairs and Legal Assistance Offices.

Directive 1344.10 states, "As a matter of long-standing policy, DoD personnel in their official capacity may not engage in activities that associate DoD with any partisan political campaign or election, candidate, cause or issue."

The directive goes on to state, "All military personnel, including National

Guard and reserve forces, acting in their official capacity may not engage in public commentary, including speeches and written submissions offered for publication, concerning political campaigns or elections ... shall not distribute political campaign or election literature while in uniform, while acting in their official capacity, or while on a military installation."

How much leeway do Marines and Sailors have in appropriately supporting a political campaign? Can a service member display a candidate's poster at work or ask for campaign contributions?

According to the base Public Affairs Office, it's a matter of tact and professionalism. While it's perfectly acceptable to have a bumper sticker on your privately owned vehicle supporting a candidate, or to wear a political T-shirt, it's not appropriate to make politically charged comments in the office or pass out a candidate's flyers to your fellow Marines. Erring on the side of propriety and caution during this most volatile of political seasons is your best bet.

"There is no restriction on expressing personal opinions on political candidates or issues," explained Lt. Col. Laurie Powell, base staff judge advocate.

Exercising the right to support a candidate is an important freedom and part of the principles a service member swears to uphold and defend. However, doing so at the expense of mission effectiveness and a cohesive atmosphere at work or in the unit is not acceptable.



### Want to REALLY make a difference?

Get active, educate yourself and spread the word! There are numerous ways to participate in the election process — whether it's reminding your friends, family and co-workers to register and vote or campaigning for your favorite candidate. Remember, voting is not only your civic duty, but also a privilege that should be exercised.

The following Web sites are just a few to help you get started in educating and participating in the election process:

• **Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment**  
SERVE allows eligible U.S. citizens to vote from any Windows-based computer with Internet access, anywhere in the world!  
[www.serveusa.gov/public/aca.aspx](http://www.serveusa.gov/public/aca.aspx)

• **Youth Vote Coalition**  
A national nonpartisan coalition of diverse organizations established to increase participation, build responsive government and promote awareness. [www.youthvote.org](http://www.youthvote.org)

• **Rock the Vote**  
Built to educate, "register, make a stink, change minds, and stand up for what you believe in." [www.rockthevote.com](http://www.rockthevote.com)

• **Federal Election Commission**  
A good tool for anyone who wants to learn more about financing campaigns for federal office, the rules and regulations pertaining to this process, or elections and voting in general. [fecweb1.fec.gov](http://fecweb1.fec.gov)

• **Project Vote Smart**  
Project Vote Smart provides information about candidates and elected officials. [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org)



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POSSIBILITIES IN PARADISE

By Bobbie Brock, MCCS Public Relations

JANUARY

30 / Today

**Library Closure** — The base library will be closed for checking out books until further notice. However, the rest of the library will be open for Internet access, magazine reading, paperback circulation and use of the word processing computers.

**Officers’ Club MatchMate** — Are you single? Jump start your love life, meet a new work-out partner or just make a new friend at the Officers’ Club Dating Game. Lucky couples will win Valentine’s dinners for two at the club on Feb. 14. Sign up to be a contestant at the Officers’ Club, or call 254-7650.

**NCO Appreciation Night** — The Staff NCO Club is hosting an NCO Appreciation Night. Start the grooming process and invite your young devil dogs to the club for a bit of camaraderie from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Show them your appreciation and start them on the climb to becoming a successful staff NCO.

31 / Saturday

**Auto Auction** — The Auto Skills Center is accepting sealed bids on the below vehicles.

| Year | Model         | Min. Bid |
|------|---------------|----------|
| ’93  | Ford Probe    | \$550    |
| ’91  | Ford Escort   | \$500    |
| ’89  | Nissan Sentra | \$450    |
| ’88  | Acura Legend  | \$1,000  |

(Note: All the above vehicles are running; however, the Sentra needs body work.)

**Joint Education Center** — The Joint Education Center has moved from Bldg. 219 to Bldg. 220. For more information, call 257-2158.

**K-Bay Clubs** — Marine Corps Base Hawaii boasts three newly renovated clubs with the below hours of operation.

- At Kahuna’s Sports Bar & Grill:  
(For E-5 and below, DoD civilians and sponsored guests)  
Monday – Wednesday, 6 p.m. – 12 a.m.  
Thursday, 6 p.m. – 1 a.m.  
Friday, 6 p.m. – 2 a.m.  
Saturday, 6 p.m. – 1 a.m.

- For lunch at Kahuna’s:  
Monday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

- At the Staff NCO Club Rocker Room:  
(For E-6 through E-9, DoD civilians and sponsored guests)  
Monday & Tuesday, Closed  
Wednesday, 4:30 – 10 p.m.  
Thursday, 4:30 – 8 p.m.  
Friday, 4:30 p.m. – 2 a.m.

Saturday, 6 p.m. – 2 a.m.

- At the Staff NCO Club Restaurant:  
Monday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Sunday, 8 – 11 a.m.

- At the Officers’ Club Koa Lounge:  
(For O-1 through O-9, DoD civilians and sponsored guests)  
Wednesday – Thursday, 4 – 9 p.m.  
Friday, 3 – 11 p.m.  
Saturday, 5 – 8 p.m.

- For lunch at the Officers’ Club:  
Monday – Friday, Buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Monday – Friday, À la Carte from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- At the Officers’ Club Main Dining Room:  
Thursday – Saturday, 5:30 – 8 p.m.  
Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**KOSC Art Auction** — All hands are invited to the Kaneohe Officers’ Spouses Club Art Auction from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$12 at the door, and Pictures Plus will provide artwork. Proceeds will go toward KOSC scholarships and charities.

Call 234-5662 or see your KOSC unit representative for more information.

**Latin Night** — The Staff NCO Club will cha-cha the night away with the hottest Latin music from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

For more information, call the NCO Club at 254-5481.

FEBRUARY

5 / Thursday

**Black History Celebration** — The base library invites all MCB Hawaii and DoD families to

enjoy stories and learn a little culture about African Americans during Black History Month. Enjoy activities and treats, Feb. 5 at 10 a.m., Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. and Feb. 21 at 1 p.m.

6/ Friday

**Staff NCO Newlywed Game** — How well do you know your mate? Attend the Staff NCO Club’s Newlywed Game, Feb. 6. All contestants will receive prizes, and the grand prizewinner will receive a Valentine’s dinner for two at the Staff NCO restaurant.

Register at the Staff NCO Club by Feb. 4. For more information, call the NCO Club at 254-5481.

7 / Saturday

**Sweet Treats** — The base library invites children and parents to a pre-Valentine’s Day celebration at 1 p.m. Hear sweet stories, make a lovely Valentine and enjoy a tasty treat.

For more information, call 254-7624.

11 / Wednesday

**Bosses’ Night** — Treat the Boss right; bring him or her to the Staff NCO Club Rocker Room from 5 to 7 p.m. for refreshments, pupus and live entertainment by the mainland jazz group Kenney Polson.

12 / Thursday

**Kahuna’s Karaoke** — Take your singing from the shower to the club. Mark your calendar for the Kahuna’s Karaoke Contest preliminaries, to be held Feb. 12, 19 and 26, and March 4 and 11 at 9 p.m.

Finalists from each preliminary will compete in the final contest on March 18.

The cost is \$5 to enter. For more information, contact Kahuna’s at 254-7660.

**Tennessee Titans Cheerleaders** — The Titans cheerleaders will be visiting several establishments aboard MCB Hawaii. Get out and meet them and get an autograph.

See the cheerleaders at the Anderson Hall dining facility at 11:30 a.m., at the Main Exchange at 1 p.m., at the Semper Fit Center at 3:30 p.m., at Kahuna’s Sports Bar at 7 p.m. and at Kahuna’s Recreation Center at 8:30 p.m.

14 / Saturday

**Decadent Dinner** — The Staff NCO Club is hosting a steak and shrimp Valentine’s Dinner, complete with four courses and champagne, followed by dancing. The cost is \$19.95 for members and \$24.95 for nonmembers.

For reservations, call 254-5481.

**Sweetheart Dinner** — The Officers’ Club Valentine’s Dinner will be a four-course dinner starting with champagne and topped off with a heart-shaped strawberry shortcake filled with a special strawberry shortcake desert. The cost is \$70 per couple.


Reservations are required; call 254-7650.

15/ Sunday

**The “Lord of the Rings” Marathon** — Is the weather not treating you right? Head on over to the base theater for the showing of the “Lord of The Rings” trilogy. The marathon will begin with “The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring” at 1 p.m., followed by “The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers” at 5 p.m., and ending with “The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King” at 8 p.m.

All movies are rated PG-13. For more information and to purchase tickets, call 254-7641 or 254-7642.

SM&SP



All events are open to single, active duty military, E-5 and below.

The SM&SP Office is located in Bldg. 1629. Call 254-7593 for more info.

SM&SP Online

Get more on SM&SP at [www.MCCSHawaii.com](http://www.MCCSHawaii.com) under the “Semper Fitness” icon.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 7: Make plans to go deep-sea fishing next Saturday from 6:30 a.m. until noon. All E-5 and below, single, active duty members should meet SM&SP at the base marina. Cost is \$50 per person and includes lunch. Call 254-7636 or 254-7593 for more details.
- Feb. 8: Join the SM&SP for some all-star football fun at the Pro Bowl Tailgate Party. Tickets are only \$40 each and include food, transportation and admission to the game. This all-day event will begin at 7:30 a.m. and last until 4:30 p.m. There are only 50 tickets, so call today to reserve yours! Tickets are for active duty only; single and E-5s and below will receive first priority. Call 254-7593 for more information.
- Feb. 14-16: Mark your calendars for a Kauai Island Trip during the holiday weekend, which includes airfare, hotel, and ground transportation to the airport and back, as well as rental vans on Kauai. The cost for this trip is only \$350 per person, with \$100 deposit due by Sunday. Call 254-7636 or 254-7593 to register.
- March 12-15: Also, reserve these days for a trip to Las Vegas.

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| <b>Roberto Katekaru</b><br><i>Program Manager,<br/>Family Member Employment<br/>Personal Services,<br/>Marine Corps Community Services</i>  | and its employment needs, which contribute to the economic well being of the family unit. As a result, the FMEAP/TAP office helps the military community and its families secure gainful employment in Hawaii through career planning and job search assistance.  | There is no cost to clients, and once registered for JEMS, clients will be introduced to the Career Resource Center and the various methods to conduct job searches.  |
| The Family Member Employment Assistance Program (FMEAP) and Transition Assistance Program (TAP) offer a wonderful job bank service called Joint Employment Management System (JEMS) to all ID card holders — active duty, retirees, reservists and family members — who are seeking employment opportunities on the island of Oahu. | A Career Resource Center is available to conduct job search activities. The center is comprised of resources such as Labor Market Research via its resource library and the Internet; computer stations to assist clients in developing résumés, cover letters and federal job application submissions; and the JEMS job bank. Workshops in résumé writing, the Federal job application process, and interviewing techniques are also conducted on a monthly basis. | Individuals will also have the capability to access the job bank Web site from any computer, even from the comfort of their own home.   |
| There are more than 1,400 jobs listed in the JEMS database by approximately 300 employers. The FMEAP/TAP Office is located at Personal Services of Marine Corps Community Services Hawaii, Bldg. 216.   | The JEMS job bank is an online Web site that can only be accessed through a simple registration process. Registration is accomplished by an appointment with the FMEAP or TAP Coordinator.  | If you are interested in obtaining more information about JEMS, call the FMEAP/TAP office employment consultants at 257-7790, or visit the JEMS Web site at <a href="http://www.jemshawaii.com">www.jemshawaii.com</a> .                                      |
| The Department of Defense recognizes the importance of the military community   |   | Remember, you must first register and obtain a password to actually see the jobs listed in the database.  |
|   |   | If you have a need to use the Career Resource Center and/or want assistance in developing résumés and cover letters, call the FMEAP/TAP office today to make an appointment and start your job search with the tools needed to achieve your employment goals. |

| MOVIE TIME  |  |                        |
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| <i>Prices: Adults (12 and older) \$3, Children (6 to 11) \$1.50, Children (5 and younger) free. Matinee prices are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Parents must purchase tickets for “R”-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 years old and younger. For E-5 and below, admission is free to the second show on Friday and Saturday evenings only. Sunday evenings, the price is \$1 for all patrons. Show your I.D. at the box office. Call 254-7642 for recorded information.</i> |  |                        |
| <i>Sneak Preview Policy: One hour and 45 minutes prior to the movie, tickets will be issued to first priority patrons waiting in line, then second and third priority patrons.</i>  |  |                        |
| The Last Samurai (R)  |  | Today at 7:15 p.m.     |
| The Missing (R)   |  | Today at 9:45 p.m.     |
| Love Don’t Cost a Thing (PG-13)   |  | Saturday at 7:15 p.m.  |
| Honey (PG-13)   |  | Saturday at 9:45 p.m.  |
| Honey (PG-13)   |  | Sunday at 3:30 p.m.    |
| The Human Stain (R)   |  | Sunday at 7:15 p.m.    |
| Love Don’t Cost a Thing (PG-13)   |  | Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. |
| The Last Samurai (R)  |  | Thursday at 7:15 p.m.  |
| Stuck on You (PG-13)  |  | Feb. 6 at 7:15 p.m.    |
| The Human Stain (R)   |  | Feb. 6 at 9:45 p.m.    |



# 2004 Voter Registration Information

The general election date is Nov. 2, 2004.  
*\*The day indicates when your registration must be postmarked or delivered before the primary, caucus or presidential preference date.*



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| <b>Alabama</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 6/1<br>*Postmarked by the 11th day.<br>For more information, call 334-242-4337.   | <b>Kentucky</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 5/18<br>*Postmarked by the 28th day.<br>For more information, call 502-573-7100.   | <b>North Dakota</b><br>Democrat and Republican Caucuses Date: 2/3<br>No voter registration required.<br>For more information, call 701-328-2900.   |
| <b>Alaska</b><br>Democratic Caucuses Date: 3/20<br>*Postmarked by the 30th day.<br>For more information, call 907-465-4611.  | <b>Louisiana</b><br>Presidential Preference Election Date: 3/9<br>*Postmarked by the 24th day.<br>For more information, call 225-925-7885.   | <b>Ohio</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 3/2<br>*Postmarked by the 30th day.<br>For more information, call 614-728-5639.  |
| <b>Arizona</b><br>Presidential Preference Election Date: 2/3<br>*Postmarked by the 29th day.<br>For more information, call 877-843-8683.   | <b>Maine</b><br>Democratic Caucuses Date: 2/8<br>Rep. Caucuses Date: Jan. 1 – Mar. 19<br>Delivered by the 10th day.<br>You can also register in person through election day.<br>For more information, call 207-287-3676. | <b>Oklahoma</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 2/3<br>*Postmarked by the 25th day.<br>For more information, call 405-521-2391.  |
| <b>Arkansas</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 5/18<br>*Postmarked by the 30th day.<br>For more information, call 501-682-1010.   | <b>Maryland</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 3/2<br>*Postmarked by the 5th Monday.<br>For more information, call 410-269-2840.  | <b>Oregon</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 5/18<br>*Postmarked by the 21st day.<br>For more information, call 503-986-2255.   |
| <b>California</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 3/2<br>*Postmarked by the 29th day.<br>For more information, call 916-657-2166.  | <b>Massachusetts</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 3/2<br>*Postmarked by the 20th day.<br>For more information, call 617-727-2828.   | <b>Pennsylvania</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 4/27<br>*Postmarked by the 30th day.<br>For more information, call 717-787-5280.   |
| <b>Colorado</b><br>Democratic and Republican Caucuses Date: 4/13<br>*Postmarked by the 29th day.<br>For more information, call 303-894-2680.   | <b>Michigan</b><br>Democratic Presidential Caucuses Date: 2/7<br>*Postmarked by the 30th day.<br>For more information, call 517-373-2540.  | <b>Rhode Island</b><br>Presidential Preference Primary Date: 3/2<br>*Postmarked by the 30th day.<br>For more information, call 401-222-2340.   |
| <b>Connecticut</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 3/2<br>*Postmarked by the 14th day.<br>For more information, call 860-509-6100.   | <b>Minnesota</b><br>Democratic and Republican Caucuses Date: 3/2<br>*Delivered by the 21st day.<br>You can also register at the polls on election day.<br>For more information, call 651-215-1440.                       | <b>South Carolina</b><br>Democratic Presidential Preference Primary Date: 2/3<br>*Postmarked by the 30th day.<br>For more information, call 803-734-9060.  |
| <b>Delaware</b><br>Democratic Presidential Primary Date: 2/3<br>*Postmarked by the 20th day.<br>For more information, call 302-739-4277.   | <b>Mississippi</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 3/9<br>*Postmarked by the 30th day.<br>For more information, call 601-359-1350.   | <b>South Dakota</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 6/1<br>*Delivered by the 15th day.<br>For more information, call 605-773-3537.   |
| <b>District of Columbia</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 1/13<br>Republican Presidential Preference Caucuses Date: 2/10<br>Democratic Caucuses Date: 2/14<br>*Postmarked by the 30th day.<br>For more information, call 202-727-2525. | <b>Missouri</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 2/3<br>*Postmarked by the 28th day.<br>For more information, call 573-751-2301.  | <b>Tennessee</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 2/10<br>*Postmarked by the 30th day.<br>For more information, call 615-741-7956.  |
| <b>Florida</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 3/9<br>*Postmarked by the 29th day.<br>For more information, call 850-488-7690.   | <b>Montana</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 6/8<br>*Postmarked by the 30th day.<br>For more information, call 406-444-4732.   | <b>Texas</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 3/9<br>*Postmarked by the 30th day.<br>For more information, call 512-463-5650.   |
| <b>Georgia</b><br>Presidential Preference Primary Date: 3/2<br>*Postmarked by the 5th Monday.<br>For more information, call 404-656-2871.  | <b>Nebraska</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 5/11<br>*Postmarked by the 4th Tuesday.<br>For more information, call 402-471-2554.  | <b>Utah</b><br>Democratic Presidential Primary Date: 2/27<br>Republican Caucuses Date: 3/23<br>*Postmarked by the 20th day.<br>For more information, call 801-538-1041.  |
| <b>Hawaii</b><br>Primary Election Date: 9/18<br>*Postmarked by the 30th day.<br>For more information, call 808-453-8683.   | <b>Nevada</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 9/7<br>*Postmarked by the 5th Saturday.<br>For more information, call 775-684-5707.  | <b>Vermont</b><br>Presidential Preference Primary Date: 3/2<br>*Delivered by the 2nd Saturday.<br>For more information, call 802-828-2304.   |
| <b>Idaho</b><br>Democratic Caucus-Presidential Primary Date: 2/25/03<br>*Postmarked by the 25th day.<br>For more information, call 208-334-2300.   | <b>New Hampshire</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 1/27<br>*Delivered by the 10th day.<br>For more information, call 603-271-3244.   | <b>Virginia</b><br>Democratic Presidential Primary Date: 2/10<br>*Delivered by the 29th day.<br>For more information, call 804-786-6551.   |
| <b>Illinois</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 3/16<br>*Postmarked by the 29th day.<br>For more information, call 217-782-4141.   | <b>New Jersey</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 6/8<br>*Postmarked by the 29th day.<br>For more information, call 609-292-3762.  | <b>Washington</b><br>Republican Caucuses Date: 3/9<br>*Postmarked by the 30th day.<br>For more information, call 360-586-0400.   |
| <b>Indiana</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 5/4<br>*Postmarked by the 29th day.<br>For more information, call 317-232-3939.   | <b>New Mexico</b><br>Republican Primary Date: 6/1<br>Democratic Caucus Date: 2/3<br>*Postmarked by the 28th day.<br>For more information, call 505-827-3624.   | <b>West Virginia</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 5/11<br>*Postmarked by the 30th day.<br>For more information, call 304-558-6000.  |
| <b>Iowa</b><br>Democratic and Republican Caucuses Date: 1/19<br>*Postmarked by 15th day.<br>For more information, call 888-767-8683.   | <b>New York</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 3/2<br>*Postmarked by the 25th day.<br>For more information, call 518-474-8103.  | <b>Wisconsin</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 2/17<br>*Postmarked by the 13th day.<br>You can also register in person through election day.<br>For more information, call 608-266-8005.                                       |
| <b>Kansas</b><br>Democratic Caucuses Date: 3/13<br>*Delivered by the 15th day.<br>For more information, call 785-296-4564.   | <b>North Carolina</b><br>Presidential Primary Date: 5/4<br>*Postmarked by the 25th day.<br>For more information, call 919-733-7173.  | <b>Wyoming</b><br>Democratic County Caucus Date: 3/20<br>Democratic State Caucus Date: 5/15<br>*Postmarked by the 30th day.<br>You can also register at the polls on election day.<br>For more information, call 307-777-7378. |

## Frequently Asked Questions about Absentee Voting

(Courtesy of DoD Federal Voting Assistance Program)

### Can I vote absentee?

Generally, all U.S. citizens 18 years or older who are or will be residing outside the United States during an election period are eligible to vote absentee in any election.

### Where is my “legal” voting residence?

For voting purposes, your legal voting residence can be the state or territory where you last resided prior to entering military service, or the state or territory that you have since claimed as your legal residence. To claim a new legal residence, you must have simultaneous physical presence

and the intent to return to that location as your primary residence.

Military and family members may change their legal residence every time they change permanent duty stations, or they may retain their legal residence without change. Family members may have a different legal voting residence from the member.

A legal officer should be consulted before legal residence is changed because there are usually other factors that should be considered besides voting.

### My family members are not in the military; can they also vote absentee?

The law entitles eligible family members of military personnel to vote absentee. Family members are consid-

ered to be in the same category of absentee voter as military members and generally should follow the same procedures.

### If I am required to have my (FPCA) or ballot notarized, how do I do it?

Generally, election materials may be witnessed or sworn to before a notary, U.S. commissioned officer, embassy or consular officer, or other officials authorized to administer oaths.

### Must I submit a separate application for each election?

One FPCA will secure for the applicant both primary and general election ballots for Federal offices for an entire calendar year.

### Do I have to be registered to vote absentee?

Registration requirements vary from state to state. States and territories allow the citizen to register and request an absentee ballot by submitting an FPCA during the election year.

### When should I receive my ballot?

Under normal circumstances, most states and territories begin mailing ballots to citizens 30-45 days before an election. If you have not received your ballot two weeks before the election, contact the Federal Voting Assistance Program’s Ombudsman Service to assist in determining when your ballot was mailed. Always execute and return your absentee ballot regardless of when you receive it.



# ON THE MENU AT ANDERSON HALL

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| <b>Today</b><br><b>Lunch</b><br>Pepper Steak<br>Southern Fried Catfish<br>Rice Pilaf<br>Potatoes Au Gratin<br>Simmered Black-Eyed Peas<br>Sugar Cookies<br>Asst. Fruit Pies | <b>Saturday</b><br><b>Brunch/Dinner</b><br>Baked Lasagna<br>Chicken Parmesan<br>Pizza Slices<br>Garlic Bread<br>Marble Cake w/<br>Chocolate Icing<br>Asst. Fruit Pies       | Mashed Potatoes<br>Chocolate Chip Cookies<br>Asst. Fruit Pies  | w/Peanut Butter Frosting<br>Asst. Fruit Pies  | Asst. Fruit Pies  | Asst. Fruit Pies  |
| <b>Dinner</b><br>Beef Pot Pie<br>Roast Turkey<br>Paprika Butter Potatoes<br>Steamed Rice<br>Sugar Cookies<br>Asst. Fruit Pies   | <b>Sunday</b><br><b>Brunch/Dinner</b><br>Barbecue Beef Cubes<br>Baked Turkey & Noodles<br>Steamed Rice<br>Ginger Molasses Cookies<br>Spice Cake w/<br>Butter Cream Frosting | <b>Dinner</b><br>Beef Brogul<br>Baked Cajun Fish<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Steamed Rice<br>Chocolate Chip Cookies<br>Asst. Fruit Pies  | <b>Dinner</b><br>Turkey Pot Pie<br>Sweet & Sour Pork<br>Steamed Rice<br>Parsley Buttered Potatoes<br>Peanut Butter Cake<br>w/Peanut Butter Frosting<br>Asst. Fruit Pies | <b>Dinner</b><br>Steak Smothered w/Onions<br>Southern Fried Catfish<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Steamed Rice<br>Oatmeal Cookies<br>Strawberry Shortcake<br>Asst. Fruit Pies                       | <b>Dinner</b><br>Braised Liver w/Onions<br>El Rancho Stew<br>Honey Ginger Chicken<br>Steamed Rice<br>Boiled Egg Noodles<br>Marble Cake w/<br>Chocolate Cream Frosting<br>Pineapple Upside-Down Cake<br>Asst. Fruit Pies |
| <b>Specialty Bar</b><br>(Lunch & Dinner)<br>Pasta Bar   | <b>Monday</b><br><b>Lunch</b><br>Meatloaf<br>Pork Ham Roast<br>Steamed Rice   | <b>Specialty Bar</b><br>(Lunch & Dinner)<br>Pasta Bar  | <b>Specialty Bar</b><br>(Lunch & Dinner)<br>Taco Bar  | <b>Specialty Bar</b><br>(Lunch & Dinner)<br>Country Bar   | <b>Specialty Bar</b><br>(Lunch & Dinner)<br>Taco Bar  |
|   |   | <b>Tuesday</b><br><b>Lunch</b><br>Simmered Corned Beef<br>w/Mustard Sauce<br>Honey Glazed Cornish Hens<br>Parsley Buttered Potatoes<br>Egg Noodles<br>Peanut Butter Cake | <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>Lunch</b><br>Pork Adobo<br>Beef Yakisoba<br>Steamed Rice<br>Pork Fried Rice<br>Oatmeal Cookies<br>Strawberry Shortcake                           | <b>Thursday</b><br><b>Lunch</b><br>Turkey À La King<br>Beef Porcupines<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Boiled Egg Noodles<br>Marble Cake w/<br>Chocolate Cream Frosting<br>Pineapple Upside-Down Cake |   |



# Cookies can help bring loved ones together

## NAPS Featurettes

Baking, cooking and socializing are complimentary, so to catch up on happenings with your family and friends, consider hosting a cookie swap to come away with a wide array of cookies to grace your dessert selections.

### How it Works

Invite a group of family and friends to each bake 2-4 dozen of their favorite cookie. As guests arrive, arrange their cookies on a table with a card identifying each type of cookie. Guests then go around the table and pick a specific number of assorted cookies to take home with them.

For ease, divide the number of guests by the total number of cookies, to determine how many cookies each guest can select. Each guest should go home with the same number of cookies they brought — but in a varied assortment of tastes, shapes, styles and colors.

To make the swap more personal, each guest could be introduced and then share a favorite memory, the history behind the recipe or a family tradition.



A cookie sampling at a cookie recipe swap takes the cake.

These stories are great icebreakers, especially if you have a group of people who might not know each other well.

Another thought is to ask each person to make a few extra cookies. The extras can be put into tins and delivered to friends and relatives who are too sick to cook or bake for the gathering. Or, they can be delivered to local charities, fire or police departments.

### Cookie Swap Tips

- Avoid duplication by having each guest provide the cookie name when they RSVP for the event.
- Ask your family and friends to bring enough copies of their cookie recipe for each guest scheduled to attend, so you can swap recipes.
- To avoid munching on cookies, offer a few appetizers and drinks to guests, or have them bake enough cookies that on-site sampling won't deplete the number of cookies available to take home.
- If you are going to encourage cookie sampling during your cookie swap, have beverages such as tea, cider, coffee and milk on hand.

### Shortbread Cookies

- 1 1/3 cups Argo cornstarch
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 2/3 cups powdered sugar, sifted and divided
- 2 1/3 cups butter, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/2 teaspoons grated lemon peel, divided
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- Sprinkles, optional

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium bowl, combine Argo cornstarch, flour and 2/3 cup powdered sugar. Set aside.
- In a large bowl, beat 2 cups of butter with a mixer at medium speed, until softened and smooth. Add the cornstarch mixture, vanilla and 1 1/2 teaspoons of lemon peel; beat well. (If necessary, refrigerate dough one hour or until easy to handle.)
- Shape the dough into 1-inch balls and place them 1 1/2 inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes, or until edges are lightly browned, then cool completely on wire racks.
- For icing, beat together in a medium bowl the remaining 1/3 cup of butter and the remaining teaspoon of lemon peel until the butter is softened. Add the remaining 4 cups of powdered sugar and lemon juice; then beat until well combined.
- Add food coloring, if desired, and decorate cookies with icing and sprinkles in fun designs such as stripes and polka dots. Store in a tightly covered container.
- This recipe makes 6 dozen cookies.

# End of racial segregation commemorated in February

**Headquarters Marine Corps**  
*Press Release*

WASHINGTON — During February, commanders have been encouraged to recognize the significance of African-American contributions to American society and history with programs that promote participation in observance events, both on base and in the local community.

February 2004 marks the 78th national observance of African-American contributions to American history. Dr. Carter G. Woodson established Negro History

Week in 1926 but in 1976, the week was expanded and renamed Black History Month.

This year’s theme is “Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas,” and commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that subsequently ended federally sanctioned racial segregation in public schools.

Linda Brown, an African-American girl who was attending fifth grade at a public school in Topeka, was denied admission into the all-white elementary school. The National Association for the


Advancement of Colored People supported her case, along with similar cases elsewhere in Kansas, South Carolina, Virginia and Delaware. In December 1952, all five cases were argued together in the Supreme Court by Thurgood Marshal, then head of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The Court’s unanimous decision, handed down on May 17, 1954, declared that separate educational facilities are inherently “unequal” and, as such, violate the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees all citi-

zens “equal protection of the laws.”


Prior to this decision, President Harry S. Truman signed Executive Order 9981, which directed the racial integration of the armed forces. This gave greater credence to the military oath to “support and defend the Constitution of the United States,” thereby strengthening the military’s reputation as a powerful force of national defense.

The executive order and Supreme Court decision laid the groundwork for the desegregation of public schools and our society as a whole.



## Black History Month

### Schedule of Events



**Feb. 1 – 29**

Be sure to see the heritage displays around Marine Corps Base Hawaii, both at Kaneohe Bay and Camp H. M. Smith. Artwork and artifacts will be placed at the main Marine Corps Exchange, Bldg. 1 and Bldg. 216, and at other tenant unit locations. Also, Mega Video will offer discounted rental prices on all movies that highlight African-American culture, struggles and artists.

**Tuesday, Feb. 17, 6 – 7 p.m.**

Treat your young ones under 10 years old to cultural readings at the base library.

**Thursday, Feb. 19, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Treat your young ones under 10 years old to cultural readings at the base library.

**Friday, Feb. 20, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Save this date for the Black History Month Luncheon and guest speaker presentation at the Anderson Hall dining facility. The meal will feature traditional African American cuisine, and is open to all active duty, DoD and family members for \$3.25. Military and their families in pay grades E-4 and below can dine at the discounted rate.

**Saturday, Feb. 21, 1 – 2 p.m.**

Treat your young ones under 10 years old to cultural readings at the base library.

**Stay tuned for more:**

- Guest appearances by Pro Bowl football players at Kaneohe Bay.
- A comedy show featuring local comedians at the K-Bay enlisted club.
- The feature movie presentation of “Boycott,” a dramatization of the historic mid-50s, public bus boycott that played a pivotal role in the civil rights movement, at the K-Bay base theater.



# WORD TO PASS

## FBI Seeks Agents

If you are interested in a career with the FBI, attend the FBI career seminar, Monday in Bldg. 267, Classroom 2, from 10 to 11 a.m. Entry-level salary is \$45,060. For more details, call the Personal Services office at 257-7790.

## Boutiki Seeks Donation Requests

The Boutiki Gift Shop is now accepting donation request letters from organizations seeking monies to help fund various programs or supplies. Nonprofit organizations that are directly involved in quality-of-life issues for military families may send in a request letter to the Boutiki Gift Shop, ATTN: Donation Request, Box 10, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI 96860.

Letters must be postmarked by Feb. 17, and should include the name, address, and telephone number of your organization and specific details about what your donation will be used for.

The not-for-profit Boutiki retail store sells handcrafted Hawaiiana, Americana and seasonal décor. Its all-volunteer staff is comprised of spouses from all branches of the military. Profits from the store go to organizations located on Oahu who have a direct impact on the military or their families such as the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, the American Red Cross and the Armed Services YMCA, to name just a few.

Store hours are Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. For more details, contact Mary Nishioka, Boutiki publicity, at 623-0736 or 422-6662.

## Tech Shows Scheduled for Military

Military, family members and DoD employees are invited to come see the latest in technology and talk to knowledgeable representatives when three Tech Shows hit the islands in February. Bring your office staff and colleagues to see the latest in laptops, integrated networks and cabling solutions, multimedia software, computer-based training and more.

Attend at the Officers Club, Hickam Air Force Base, Feb. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; at the Sunset Lanai, Bldg. 500, Camp H. M. Smith, Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and at the Banyans Club, Pearl Harbor, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Tech Show is free to all personnel with on-site registration. Refreshments will be provided. Call toll free, 1-888-282-2262, for more details.

## Windward Auhupuaa Alliance Establishes Web Site, New Series

The Windward Auhupuaa Alliance

has established a new way of communicating its activities & events by setting up a separate page on the Koolau News Web site at [www.koolaunews.com/waa](http://www.koolaunews.com/waa). Look for more information about the following upcoming events:

- Sunday, the WAA will hold the first in a series of free “Community Conversations & Explorations” from 3 to 5 p.m. by exploring the theme of bird watching. Attendees will meet in the Times Coffee Shop parking lot in Kailua overlooking the Hamakua Wetlands.

- About 4 p.m., the group will head on up to the Hawaii Pacific University campus for the Artists’ Reception being held in conjunction with the opening of the exhibit titled “Bird Watching.” Bring your folding or beach chair and an umbrella, sunscreen and a hat to protect you from the sun. Preregister by noon Saturday.

- Feb. 7 from 8 a.m. to noon, Waikalua Loko Fishpond Community Stewardship Day.

- Feb. 21 from 8 a.m. to noon, the quarterly great Kapaa Quarry Road Cleanup/out Community Stewardship Day.

For more information about any WAA activity, contact Shannon Wood, interim president, at 263-6001.

## Friends of Heeia Seek Volunteers for ‘Up the Stream,’ Saturday

- Sunday, you are invited to the Heeia State Park “Open Market” from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy the beauty of the park while shopping for arts, crafts, fruits, veggies, plants and more.

- Mark your calendar for “In the Garden,” Feb. 14, March 13 and April 10, a series of Hawaiian gardening workshops with experts in the field. Discover the best techniques for pruning, mulching, transplanting and more, to pot and propagate plants for your own backyard. Stay tuned to “Word to Pass” for more details.

- Need a meeting place for your organization? Call 247-3156 for details about renting the hall on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays.

## OU Offers Degrees at Hickam AFB

The University of Oklahoma offers a Master’s of Arts in Managerial Economics and a Master’s of Public Administration at its Hickam Air Force Base campus. Further, non-thesis programs can be completed in about 18 months, and the once per week classes are espe-

cially designed to be TDY/TAD-friendly (temporary duty or temporary additional duty).

For more information, contact Michelle Southwick at 449-6364 or visit the Web site at [aphickam@ou.edu](mailto:aphickam@ou.edu) or [www.goou.ou.edu](http://www.goou.ou.edu).

## Entertainment Abounds at Local Theaters

- At the Kennedy Theatre: Feb. 6 – 7 and 12 – 14 at 8 p.m., Feb. 15 at 2 p.m., “Betty’s Summer Vacation.” It’s a roller-coaster ride that starts off seeming relatively normal, but almost immediately reveals that things are not as they seem. The play explores reality TV characters that perform extreme atrocities. Tickets go on sale Monday at \$15 regular, \$12 military, \$10 non-UH students, \$3 UH students. Call 956-7655 for more info.

- At the Kennedy Theatre: Feb. 7 and Feb. 13 – 14 at 11 p.m., “The Most Massive Woman Wins.” It’s a late-night production that takes a bold look at the images of women’s bodies in our society, which was first performed at New York’s Playwright’s Festival. Tickets go on sale one hour before show time at \$8 general admission, \$7 military and non-UH students, \$3 UH students. Latecomers will not be admitted once the performance begins. Call 956-7655 for more.

- At the Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter: Feb. 26 – March 13, “Kiss Me, Kate.” Tickets are now on sale from \$8-\$17. Call 438-4480 for more details.

## Organizations Post Scholarship Opportunities

- To say “thank you” in a very meaningful way to the nation’s children who have lost a parent in the world’s enduring struggle against the evil of terrorism, the American Legion has established the American Legacy Scholarship. Children of members of U.S. active duty military, and of federalized Guard and Reserve personnel, killed on or after Sept. 11, 2001, are eligible.

To obtain an application, visit the Legion’s Web site at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and click on “community.”

The public may contribute to the American Legacy Scholarship Fund by sending donations to The American Legacy Scholarship Fund, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

- The Fleet Reserve Association, the

oldest and largest professional military association representing sea service concerns, has announced that it is accepting applications for its 2004 scholarship program, which includes 10 separate awards of \$5,000 and still others for college degrees.

The competitive FRA-funded scholarships are based on financial need, academic standing, character and leadership qualities. Preference is provided to FRA members and their families, and applications are due by April 15.

Get an application form (with a revision date beyond Oct. 1) at [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org).

## Voting Guide Outlines State Elections

Because election laws vary from state to state, service members and their families should consult the recently distributed 2004/2005 Voting Assistance Guide for procedures to register or request an absentee ballot in local, state or federal elections. The Guide is available online at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), and absentee voting materials may also be obtained through unit voting assistance officers.

Voting officials recommend military submit a new Federal Post Card Application form (SF-76) in January of every year, and whenever members and their families move locations.

## Windward Arts Council Announces Arts Achievement Award

Windward high school students who excel in the arts are being invited to apply for the Windward Arts Council’s annual \$300 Arts Achievement Awards. The six award categories are instrumental and vocal music, theatre, dance, creative writing, visual arts and Hawaiian music, dance and chant.

To be eligible, students must be in high school, live on the Windward side and be recommended by their arts discipline teacher. Applications will be accepted until March 1.

The Windward Arts Council will present awards to recipients in a public concert and exhibition on Sunday, April 25, and it will present award checks at that time, made possible by the Harold K. L. Castle Foundation, Persis Corporation, the Irmgard Aluli Fund of the Arts Council and others.

For more information, or to obtain an application, call Anne McKay at 254-1147 or e-mail her at [annemkay@worldnet.att.net](mailto:annemkay@worldnet.att.net). Write to the Windward Arts Council at Box 1704, Kailua HI 96734.

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Stop worrying about the potholes in the road and celebrate the journey!

— Fitzhugh Millan

# MARINE MAKEPONO

HAWAIIAN FOR “MARINE BARGAINS”

## Vehicles

**1991 Mazda RX-7**, convertible, white, power everything. Blue Book lists at \$5,300, but asking \$4,000. Call 455-9785.

**2000 Ford Taurus**, A/C, ABS, PS, 69K miles, excellent condition, well maintained. Asking \$8,500 OBO. Call 306-6008.

## Miscellaneous

**Garage door opener**, Craftsman 1/2 HP, one year old, like new. Asking \$75 OBO. Great deal! Call Dan at 741-7795.

**Four Bose 601 speakers**, excellent condition. Asking \$100 each. Shoei full-face helmet, 7 1/4, white with red and black.

Asking \$100. Alpine Star men’s motorcycle boots, 8 1/2, white with red. Asking \$50. Oldsmobile transmission with stall converter. Asking \$100. Diesel generator, 3500kw, needs a little work. Asking \$350. Call 222-4746 or 259-0348

## Yard Sale

**Saturday and Sunday**, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 6448-B Webb Ct., off Chochran Street on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe. Huge sale with cheap, cheap clothes, books, videos, toys, computer games, household items, electric lawnmower, big tire tricycle and more.

**Saturday**, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2623-A Bordelon Loop. Big multi-family moving sale, scuba, furniture, Nintendo, clothes, books, seasonal decorations, uniforms, military gear, car. For more information, call 254-6361.

## Appliances

**GE A/C**, 6,100 BTU, mounting supports, less than one year old, hardly used. Asking \$100 OBO. Call Jessica at 254-7191.

**Panasonic A/C**, 11,000 BTU, remote, swinging arm, one year old, great condition. Will deliver. Asking \$250 OBO. Call 741-7795.

## Free Makepono Ads

*Ads are accepted from active duty and retired military personnel, their family members and MCB Hawaii civil service employees. Ads are free and will appear in two issues of the Hawaii Marine on a space-available basis.*

*The ad submission deadline to the Hawaii Marine is at 4 p.m. the Friday of the week prior to publication.*

*Forms may be filled out at the MCB Hawaii Public Affairs Office, located in Bldg. 216 aboard Kaneohe Bay.*

*Ads must not be of a business nature and are run on a first-come, first-served basis.*

*Call 257-8836 or 257-8837 for more info.*



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## Active duty

Cub Scouts and their families from Pack 225 take an active role in cleaning North Beach recently aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The event contributed toward the scouts’ Environmental Conservation Award requirements.

“ q u o t a b l e ”

Even dirt glitters when the sun is shining upon it.

— Goethe